

Dear Senators & Public Health Dept,

Please be advised that I support the bill HB 5534 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY, that would allow Licensed Naturopathic physicians to have authority over prescriptions and other regular medical practices, Like IM injections of vitamins.

2013 Vermont Department of Health Survey (national coverage) showed no adverse affects from Naturopathic physicians having this authority in other states.

Doctors of Naturopathic medicine are highly trained physicians who study in a rigorous 4 year medical program (Like the one at the University of Bridgeport accredited by the US dept of Education);

They are THE HIGHEST Trained AUTHORITIES in the field of nutrition (medical doctors and osteopathic physicians take little to no courses in nutrition in med school and are poorly trained in this discipline), and are the most qualified to do B-12 and other vitamin and mineral injections, which nurses can do with only 2 years of medical training

An updated scope of practice for Naturopathic Physicians will provide many more primary care services and be a huge benefit to the citizens of CT.

Lastly, passage will allow the UB clinics that see 25+ thousand patients per year provide many more primary care services to the poor and needy that frequent those clinics.

Thank you for your consideration; my family appreciates it,

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